

3 August 2005

Ward Calhoun  
Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History  
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Dear Mr. Calhoun,

It was good to talk with you today on the phone. I am delighted that you have the probate papers for Joseph L. PITTS and can send me a copy.

Joseph L. PITTS  
Born Feb 1834          Livermore, Androscoggin, Maine, USA  
Died 13 Sep 1902      Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA

If you should get any requests for information about Joseph family, his younger daughter Frances M. (PITTS) GRANT and her husband Melville Rosyn GRANT, I think I have them figured out.

Joseph had two wives. His second wife's daughter was adopted by John Wright who is mentioned in the *Historic Homes of Meridian* on Poplar Springs Rd. He lived in the house with a bowling alley in the basement.

I am enclosing a chronology of Joseph's life as we have researched it.

I am also enclosing a check for \$20 for the photocopies of Joseph's probate papers.

Thank you very much,



Elise C. Morris

**Name:** **Joseph L PITTS**

AKA:  
Parents:  
Life Range: Feb 1834 - 13 Sep 1902

Feb 1834  
1835  
29 Dec 1836

Birth:  
Alt. Birth:  
Spouse (#1):

1840  
20 Nov 1850  
1854 ?  
1855-1856  
29 Jan 1856

Census:  
Census:  
Marriage (1):  
City Directories:  
Son born (1-#1):

1859  
1859  
Abt Apr 1860

Residence:  
Occupation:  
Daughter born (1-#2):

16 Jun 1860  
10 Sep 1860  
Abt 1861

Census:  
Death of Father:  
Spouse (#2):

24 Jan 1863

Daughter born (1-#3):

Feb 1865

Son born (1-#4):

25 Jul 1869  
16 Jun 1870  
13 Aug 1878  
13 Aug 1878  
3 Jun 1880  
9 Jan 1881

Death of Mother:  
Census:  
Death of Spouse (#1):  
Cemetery:  
Census:  
Marriage (2):

9 Jan 1881  
9 Jan 1881  
1883  
23 Dec 1883

Marriage:  
Marriage:  
Mentioned in book:  
Daughter born (2-#1):

1884  
1885  
8 Nov 1888

Daughter born (2-#2):  
Census:  
Daughter born (2-#3):

1 Jun 1900  
13 Apr 1902  
13 Sep 1902  
13 Sep 1902

Census:  
Obituary:  
Death:  
Obituary:  
Burial:

Joseph Leforest PITTS, Joseph M. PITTS  
**Hiram Abial PITTS** (1799-1860) and **Lenora HOSLEY** (Abt 1804-1869)

Livermore, Androscoggin, Maine, USA.  
Maine, Androscoggin, Livermore.

**Amanda A. DENNY** (1836-1878). Born in Hickory Creek Precinct, Will,  
Illinois, USA. Died on 13 Aug 1878 in Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.

Winthrop, Kennebec, Maine, USA.

Alton, Madison, Illinois, USA.

**Amanda A. DENNY** (1836-1878). in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Charles Avery PITTS** (1856-1904). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Died on 25 Jun 1904 in Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota, USA.

h 270 S. Jefferson. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

clerk. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Female Child PITTS** (Abt 1860- ). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois,  
USA.

5th ward. Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Hiram Abial PITTS** (1799-1860). In Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Gentalina S. RHINES** (Abt 1861- ). Born in Marseilles, La Salle,  
Illinois, USA.

**Francis M PITTS** (1863-1935). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. Died  
on 2 Mar 1935 in Gulfport, Harrison, Mississippi, USA.

**Frederick L PITTS** (1865-1928). Born in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA. Died  
on 30 Jan 1928 in Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Lenora HOSLEY** (Abt 1804-1869). In Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Amanda A. DENNY** (1836-1878). In Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.

Woods Cemetery.

Chicago, Cook, Illinois, USA.

**Gentalina S. RHINES** (Abt 1861- ). in Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois,  
USA.

Marseilles, La Salle, Illinois, USA.

Milan, Sumner, Kansas, USA.

**Genta L. PITTS** (1883-1958) (Father:Biological) (Mother:Biological). Born in  
Mississippi. Died on 25 Dec 1958 in Downey, Los Angeles, California,  
USA.

**M. L. PITTS** (1884- ). Born in Iowa.

Cherryvale, Montgomery, Kansas, USA.

**Elizabeth May PITTS** (1888-1984). Born in Cherryvale, Montgomery,  
Kansas, USA. Died on 14 Jan 1984 in Downers Grove, DuPage, Illinois,  
USA.

Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA.

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Meridian, Lauderdale, Mississippi, USA. Address: Rose Hill Cemetery,  
Meridian, MS